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Election Act Debate

The Liberals of Manitoba say to the Conservatives: We will not have lists prepared by the partisan officials of your friends, the Conservative Government of the Province.

The Conservatives of Manitoba reply: We will not have the lists prepared by the partisan officials of your friends, the Liberal Government of the Dominion.

If lists prepared by the Province are used the Liberals of Manitoba will be dissatisfied; if lists prepared by Dominion officials are used the Conservatives of Manitoba will be dissatisfied.

The remedy for the situation, said Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is to take the matter entirely out of the hands of either party and let the lists be wholly prepared by the judiciary. This the Government purposes to do, and we invite the Opposition so to amend the Dominion Elections Bill as to enable us to satisfy both parties.

W. J. Roche (Conservative member for Marquette, Manitoba): What we object to is the singling out of Manitoba for special treatment. You accept the lists of Quebec, Ontario and other provinces—why not ours?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier: Because yours are prepared on an entirely different basis. The basis of the provincial lists in Ontario and Quebec are the municipal voters' lists made up from the assessment roll; and the assessor would certainly not omit from the roll anyone liable to taxation, and anyone placed on the roll through error would have an interest in having his name taken off. The municipal voters' lists, therefore, are prepared independent of any party and are the most reliable basis you can have for the electoral lists of a Provincial or Dominion Government. But the basis of provincial lists in Manitoba, as well as British Columbia, which is similarly dealt with by this bill, is not the municipal assessment roll but personal registration. The lists are made up by registration clerks appointed by the Provincial Government and are subsequently revised by county court judges, each of whom has the time and place of his sittings fixed for him and may not extend the appointed time even if the revision is not complete, and may not change the place of sitting even though he may find it necessary to do so in order to enable qualified voters in distant parts of his district to get their names put on the lists. It has been stated that on one occasion an agent representing one of the political parties occupied the whole time for revision by his opening address to the judge. On another occasion a judge, appointed to sit at Beausejour, adjourned his court to sit at Lac du Bonnet in the same registration district to enable a number of qualified voters to get on the lists. He there registered 38 qualified electors, but when the lists were taken to the Attorney-General's office those names were contemptuously torn out of the lists. It is true their registration was illegal according to the law of Manitoba, but it was only in accord with natural justice that they should have been allowed to remain on the lists. Should such a law be upheld when it is within the power of the Dominion Government to prevent such injustices? I propose an independent preparation of the lists in Manitoba, British Columbia and the unorganized districts of Ontario and Quebec, and that basis of independence which is to be found in the municipal origin of the lists in the organized districts of those provinces and in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Alberta and Saskatchewan will then become common to

the lists in Manitoba and British Columbia.

Apart from these considerations the Government was obliged to bring in a bill to provide the machinery to distribute the voters on the provincial lists among the Dominion constituencies. In Manitoba there are 41 Provincial and 10 Dominion constituencies. The boundaries of the Dominion constituencies cut through provincial polling stations. The voters on the Provincial lists for such divisions have to be carefully separated and placed in the respective Dominion constituencies to which they rightly belong. At the last Dominion elections this work was done by the returning officers. A "thin red line," as described in the Manitoba Act, was struck through names that had to be transferred to an adjoining constituency. The Dominion Government thought it had provided for this in a clause of its own act, but it was held by the Attorney-General of Manitoba that the returning officers had acted without legal authority. The returning officers and Mr. Leach, the Liberal organizer, whom they had judicially called in to help them, were accused of having fraudulently disfranchised voters and prosecuted. The cases were adjourned from assize to assize, from year to year; and in the end they were all dropped. Mr. Leach was on bail till this year, and he had to demand to be brought to trial or released from bail. The Attorney-General then said he had no evidence to offer and Mr. Leach was discharged.

The Government has to face this stipulation (said Sir Wilfrid Laurier): "It will not be lawful for the returning officers to act as returning officers if there is a prospect that after the elections they will be again subject to prosecution by the Attorney-General of Manitoba." More explicit legal machinery has to be provided for the separation of the voters into their respective constituencies and the polling stations have to be so arranged as to conform to the shape and size of the constituencies, and with an eye to the convenience of voters in out-of-the-way places; and, moreover, there has to be classification within the constituencies themselves so that the lists shall conform to the Dominion polling divisions. This work necessitated the introduction of an election bill in any case, and the Government, realizing that probably the provincial lists, prepared under an act manifestly defective, would not be as complete as any fair-minded man would desire, resolved to give the electors another chance to register under a law that would make good the deficiencies under the provincial law.

The Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, Manitoba, declared that 6,399 electors were disfranchised in 1904 by the "thin red line."

John Crawford, Liberal member for Portage La Prairie, replied that there were not even 99.

The Hon. Robert Rogers said 777 Conservatives were disfranchised in the provincial constituency of Hamiota alone.

Reply: In the provincial election of 1903, when the Dominion authorities had nothing to do with the lists, the total Conservative vote polled was 704; and in 1907, when the Conservatives won the seat from the Liberals, it was only 737. Yet the Hon. Robert Rogers said that the Dominion Government in the election of 1904 disfranchised 777.

The Hon. Robert Rogers said that 200 Conservatives were disfranchised in the provincial constituency of Minnedosa.

Reply: In the provincial election of 1908 the total Conservative vote

polled was 504; in the Dominion election of 1904 it was 521; and in the Provincial election of 1907 it was 502. The Conservative vote of 1904 exceeded the Conservative votes of 1903 and 1907, and yet the Hon. Robert Rogers said that 200 were disfranchised.

The Hon. Robert Rogers said that 147 Conservatives were disfranchised in the town of Hamiota.

Reply: In the Provincial election of 1903 the total Conservative vote polled was 317; in the Dominion election of 1904 it was 314; and in the Provincial election of 1907 it was 317 again. Yet the Hon. Robert Rogers said that 147 Conservatives were disfranchised.

The Hon. Robert Rogers said that 173 Conservatives were disfranchised at Craudall poll.

Reply: In the Provincial election of 1903 the total Conservative vote polled was 199 and in the Dominion election of 1904 it was 203, yet the Hon. Robert Rogers said that 173 were disfranchised.

The Hon. Robert Rogers declared that in the whole division of Marquette 1919 Conservative voters were disfranchised.

Reply: The Conservative votes polled in the Dominion election of 1904 exceeded the Conservative votes polled in the Provincial elections of 1903 by 489.

The Hon. Robert Rogers said that 1,395 Conservatives were disfranchised in Portage la Prairie; and even Conservatives who know anything about it admit that the statement is not true. And so on with the remainder of his statements concerning the alleged "thin red line" scandals.

There were some errors, no doubt, said Sir Wilfrid Laurier; "but they were only such errors as were likely to take place in reducing the 40 Provincial constituencies to 10 Dominion constituencies and in distributing the votes to each. Some on the border-lines of two constituencies were either left where they ought not to have been or transferred when they ought to have been left where they were, and the infiniteness of the addresses on the provincial voters' lists would naturally have rendered it difficult sometimes to decide in which constituency a person should vote. The Dominion Government did not intend that these difficulties should confront returning officers at the next election, and had, therefore, introduced this bill to provide the machinery for the work to be properly done beforehand.

The Difference

He stood beside the altar,
And his face was grave and sad;
She stood beside the altar

With a smile both sweet and glad.
But why this awful difference
Between the man and maid?

HER clothes were made to order,
While HIS were ready-made.

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WITH YOU
When We Make To Order
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I will sell any of the following
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below for the price of \$12.50 per
acre: \$4.50 an acre-cash, \$1.50 per
acre say January, 1909, and \$1.00
per acre each year thereafter until
paid for, with interest at 6% per
annum—

Section	Town	Ship	Range	West
West 1	19	11	17	4
West 2	20	11	17	4
North East 1	19	11	17	4
North East 2	20	11	17	4
South East 1	20	11	17	4
South East 2	20	11	17	4
North West 1	21	11	17	4
South West 1	21	11	17	4
North East 1	21	11	17	4
South East 1	21	11	17	4
South East 2	21	11	17	4
North West 1	16	11	17	4
East 1	18	11	17	4
North East 1	16	11	17	4
South West 1	16	11	17	4
West 1	30	11	17	4
East 1	30	11	17	4
South East 1	7	11	17	4
South West 1	7	11	17	4
North East 1	5	11	17	4
North East 2	22	11	17	4
South West 1	22	11	17	4
North East 1	7	11	17	4
North West 1	7	11	17	4
North 1	10	11	17	4

J. J. WHITE,
38, Northumberland Street,
GUELPH, ONT.

Assessor Wanted

Applications for the office of
Assessor for the Town of Taber for
the year 1909 will be received by the
undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon of
MONDAY, MAY 25, 1908. Applica-
tions are to be made in writing.
GEO. C. MILLAR,
Sec.-Treas.

Taber Tree Press

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W. A. M. Bellwood, editor and manager

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1908

Notes and Comments

Every day adds beauty to the
beautiful green prairie.

Full wheat is growing at a terrific
rate. Soon it will be heading out.

The bountiful rains and cool days
mean dollars to the farmers' pockets.

The day of promise and prosperity
—the day Taber starts putting in a
waterworks system.

Taber has rich agricultural lands
and prosperous farmers, extensive
cattlefolds and large mines. To fairly
balance the town and make it grow
pace we must have a waterworks
system.

The recent rains have been a
blessing not only to the farmers
but to the people in the town. It
helps out the soft water supply, but
the one thing Taber must have is
waterworks.

For the Franco-British Exhibition
in London a solid piece of coal
weighing one and a quarter tons has
been hewn at Blyth, Northumber-
land. Cannot the Taber mines go
this one better for the Dominion
Fair at Calgary?

If you want "work" vote for
"water" when the time comes.

If "cleanliness is next to godli-
ness" there are some sections in
Taber that must lie in close proximity
to the nether regions.

If the cap fits, put it on. Be
decent—clean up that putrid filth in
the backyard.

It is up to the Board of Health to
see that the town is kept in a sani-
tary condition, and it is up to the
people to see that they do it.

The aroma from pig-sties and de-
caying vegetables may be sweet to
the nostrils of some people, but to
the majority it is extremely nauseat-
ing.

Pigs and putrid garbage are not a
very good advertisement for a town.

Every lot in Taber would be en-
hanced in value from \$50 to \$100
or more if we had a water system.
There is no easier way of making
Taber real estate valuable.

Just note this. W. H. Birch,
secretary of the Fire Underwriters'
Association, Winnipeg, states the
base rate of Strathecona will be re-
duced from 85 to 75 cents shortly.
This is a result of the improvements
in the fire department and water
supply. Waterworks would mean
vastly cheaper insurance rates for
Taber.

Council Meeting

The Council met on Monday even-
ing in the City Hall. Councillors
Davis, Beck, Hammer, Campbell and
Douglas present.

In the absence of the Mayor
Councillor Douglas was appointed to
the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were
read and adopted.

The Secretary had communicated
with Supt. Price of the C.P.R. at
Calgary in reference to the sale of
the water system to the town, and the
Superintendent's reply was read to
the Council. It stated that the
matter would receive consideration.
The Council then instructed the
Secretary to again write Supt. Price
and ask that a definite proposition be
made by the C.P.R. at as early a date
as possible.

A communication from Brose
Mitchell & Co. of Toronto in reference
to the purchase of any debentures
the town may have for sale. The
communication was ordered to be
filed.

The following accounts were
ordered to be paid:

Westlake Bros.	83.90
Taber Drug Store	8.55
McLellan & McIntyre	13.95
Kilgore & Gerber	50
J. Truswell	1.00

R. S. Bickle's account was referred
to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Beck reported that five
acres could be purchased on the
south-west corner of the north-east
quarter of section 4, township 10,
range 16, at a price of \$50 an acre.
On motion of Councillor Hammer,
seconded by Councillor Davis, it was
decided to purchase the land for a
nursery ground on the best terms
obtainable.

A lengthy discussion took place on
the water question, and it was de-
cided that the Secretary correspond
with the Water-Engineer of Medi-
cine Hat and get his terms for giving
a report on the proposed water sys-
tem here.

The Secretary was instructed to
advertise for applications for the
position of assessor for 1909.
The Council then adjourned.

A movement is on foot in Winni-
peg for the Disciples and the Bap-
tist Churches to unite.

Sir Chas. Fitzpatrick, chief justice
of the Supreme Court of Canada, is
ill, and has been in the hospital at
Ottawa.

Louise Brehany Fernie Mudslide Company

A Notable Array of High-class Artists

To Be Heard in Concert Programme

One of the finest musical organiza-
tions on the road is the Louise Bre-
hany Company that will be heard in
Taber Opera House on the 29th inst.
Heading this organization is Miss
Louise Brehany, America's greatest
soprano; Mr. Maximilian Dick,
violinist, late concert master of the
famous Damrosch Symphony Or-
chestra and many other notable
musical and operatic organizations
in Europe and America; Miss Edith
Adams, violoncellist, recognized as
the leading lady cellist of the coun-
try. Her engagements in Europe,
especially at Berlin and Munich,
were real ovations. Miss Alice Mc-
Clung, the pianist, is a pupil of the
distinguished Danish pianist, August
Hyllsted, and later as the "star"
pupil of the eminent Chicago pianist
and teacher, W. Spiry. She is still a
young girl and gives promise of a
brilliant future.

This clever quartette of artists
will be heard in a popular ballad and
operatic programme.

Coal Discovered Near Spruce Grove

Syndicate of Winnipeg and Edmonton Capitalists

Will Mine the Property

Spruce Grove, Alta., May 14th.—
A seven-foot seam of excellent lignite
at a depth of 375 feet has been struck
within the past few days on section
3, township 53, range 26, near Spruce
Grove centre. This property is
owned by G. J. Wellmoun of Winter-
burn and boring operations have
been in operation all spring. The
boring is in charge of Mr. Gilmour
of Edmonton and several holes have
revealed substantial evidence of
the presence of the splendid lignite
on that section.

It is understood that a syndicate
composed of Edmonton and Winni-
peg capitalists will take over the prop-
erty and mine the coal this sum-
mer. The section is traversed by
the Canadian Northern Railway
branch to Stoney Plain, and also by
the surveyed line of the Grand
Trunk Pacific. This portion of the
Edmonton district is, in the opinion
of experts, particularly rich in coal
deposits.

Expenses of King Are Heavy in Death

Portugal's Ruler Unable to Settle Bill for Father's Funeral

Other Notable Funerals

Parish, May 19th.—The inability
of King Manuel to liquidate some of
the bills for the royal funeral re-
calls the fact that a king, while ex-
pensive in life, is even more so in
death.

The funeral expenses of William
I. of Germany were \$125,000. Those
of the late Grand Duke Nicholas of
Russia amounted to \$200,000. The
cost of Queen Victoria's burial was
\$175,000, while that of the Duke of
Wellington cost \$350,000.

Fernie Mudslide Great Northern Track Covered in B. C.

Fernie, B.C., May 18th (special).—
An extensive mudslide occurred
early this morning about four miles
south of here on the Great Northern
track, covering the rails for a dis-
tance of one hundred and fifty feet.
The passenger train due here at
12.30 to-day will not be able to reach
the city before to-morrow afternoon.
The heavy rains of the past week
have so softened the banks in the
cuts that other slides are appre-
hended.

Militia to Drill

Militia orders for the holding of
Calgary camp in military district
No. 13, issued March 18th, call for
the assembling of all Alberta troops
for twelve days from June 8th to
June 19th.

During that period between 700
and 800 men will be camped on the
large farm of Lieut.-Col. Walker in
East Calgary and will be the largest
gathering of the militia ever seen in
the West for drilling purposes.

The 15th Light Horse, Col. Walker
commanding, headquarters Calgary,
will have squadrons in camp from
Calgary, High River, Cochrane, and
the district between Red Deer and
Calgary.

One squadron of Alberta Rangers
from Macleod; one squadron of the
C.M.R., Medicine Hat; and four
squadrons of the 16th C.M.R., with
headquarters at Edmonton, will also
be in camp.

Money in the Mud

[Raymond Rustler.]

There's money in the mud! Ray-
mond was never so financially
flushed as at the present. You
spell it M-U-D! It's one of the
best signs of good and prosperous
times. Show me a farming town
with good, rich, greasy, fat mud and
I'll show you a prosperous country.
It puts us in mind of an old jingle
which runs—

The town is all soap,
But there's money in the mud!
How'd you get your crops
If it wasn't for the mud?
How'd you get your wheat?
How'd you get your meat?
It's pork and pie and peas?
There's money in the mud!

Church Services

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints—Sunday school at 10 a.m.
every Sunday. Sacrament meet-
ing at 2 p.m. Sunday evening ser-
vice at 8 p.m.—Young Ladies'
Mutual Improvement Association,
every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Primary
Association every Saturday at 3 p.m.

St. Theodore Church—Holy Com-
munion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer,
11 a.m.; Sunday School, 3 p.m.;
Evening Prayer, 7.30 p.m.

Knox Church—Morning service at
11 a.m., followed by Sunday School
and Bible Class. Evening service,
7.30. Wednesday—Congregational
Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

MARRIED

STEVENSON—IBBY—On Wednesday,
May 13th, at the Presbyterian
Manse by the Rev. A. W. R.
Whiteman, Miss Alice Stevenson,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William
Stevenson of Belfast, Ireland, to
Mr. Charlie Iby, youngest son of
Mr. and Mrs. William Iby of
Cardston.

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Best Coal on the market

and a good steam producer for
Stationary Boilers

Taber, Alberta

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Fish in season, butter, lard and
fresh sausage, lamb and mutton

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Doors, Windows and Sashes
and all kinds of Mill Work,
Mail orders will have our
prompt attention

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& Manufacturing Co.
Medicine Hat

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Building Material of Every Kind
Massey-Harris Farm Machinery

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Edison Phonographs

See our RECORDS of Latest

Dance Music

WESTLAKE'S

JEWELRY & STATIONERY
STORE

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1908

Taber Breezes

Ice Cream at the Taber Bakery.

W. Hull of Calgary was in town Monday.

C. C. McLaurie was a Calgary visitor to town Monday.

Miss Cottet is spending a short time the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wallace.

For sale at a snap, Lots 44 and 45, block 27, Taber. For terms apply to H. J. Morrison, Russell, Man. 12-34

Dr. Aikin went to Lethbridge Monday night as a witness on the Tinsley-Canada West Coal Co. case.

Mrs. Harry Bland left Wednesday for Grassy Lake, where she will join her husband, who is working his homestead there.

Mr. W. J. Newhinney has started building a fine residence for Mrs. McCallum on the lots she recently purchased in town.

Jno. Steel, W. J. Wright and G. A. Yancey of Spokane are spending a few days in town looking after their land interests.

We have still got a few nice Sun-shades left for both ladies and children. Better call early or they will be all gone.—Campbell & Anderson.

Don't forget the meeting of the L.D.S. Church for the purpose of organizing the Taber Agricultural Society.

"The good old summer time" and "Good New Summer Suit" go well together. Get into a "Campbell" Two Piece Suit and you will look and feel good.—Campbell & Anderson.

J. G. Boyce of Calgary, representing Cocksfoot Plow Co., was in town yesterday assisting in starting Mr. Elder with the gasoline engine and the engine gang plow, purchased from Ervine & Todd, the local agents.

H. F. Annable's house at the river was broken into Monday night and a quantity of dishes, bedding, etc., stolen. J. B. Jett's house was similarly broken into twice recently. Swift justice should be meted out to culprits guilty of such conduct when caught.

The Taber Furniture Co. have been over Mr. W. H. Baldry's stock of Wall Paper and added a very large quantity of new designs. They are now in a position to show designs and quote prices to compete with any wall paper house. Give them a call.

Rev. Mr. Munro was presented with a little sack of wheat, grown in the Peace River country last season. The wheat is put up in a neat little sack and is a fine sample. These little sacks of wheat should be a splendid advertisement for the Peace River country.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Bert Stitt to Miss Hattie E. Brown, sister of Mrs. G. J. Loomis. The wedding will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loomis on Thursday, May 28th. They will be "at home" to their friends after June 4th.

A meeting will be held in the L.D.S. Meeting House on Saturday afternoon, May 23rd, at one o'clock, for the purpose of completing the organization of the Taber Agricultural Society and electing officers for the current year. Make a note of the date and be present. 12-34

J. C. Hobbs went to Lethbridge last evening on business.

R. P. Wallace is at Lethbridge this week attending the sittings of court.

Walk in a pair of Walk-Over Shoes, to be had only at Campbell & Anderson's.

Monday will be Victoria Day. It is rather late now to arrange much of a programme of sports.

Mrs. B. W. Wright and children arrived Tuesday morning and will make their home here.

Mr. G. A. Yancey sold his acre lot that he had in garden last year to Mrs. McCallum, mother of Mrs. W. J. Newhinney.

Still they come! Every week brings in more and more new settlers satisfied they came. There is still room for thousands more.

DENTISTRY.—Drs. McClure and Stewart of Lethbridge will pay their usual weekly visit to Taber on Saturday, May 23rd. Office at Union Hotel.

Mr. Gus. Neidig will be at the Taber Hotel with costumes to rent for the Character Ball to be held Monday evening, May 25th. See him at once.

You can't get a good Hat for less than a quarter. We have them from that up to \$7.50, all shapes and styles, and all good values.—Campbell & Anderson.

Mr. Hargrave, pit boss at the Canada West Coal Co., moved his family down from Reliance this week. They will occupy the cottage next to Mr. Kidd's residence.

McAsklie Bros. have closed their grocery store here and this week moved the stock to Seven Persons. Their many friends and patrons regret their departure, but all wish them every success in their new location.

The Canada West Coal Co. is installing a water system in all their houses at the west of the mine. Hydrants are being put in and a complete system of fire protection provided. They will have a direct pressure of 80 pounds to the square inch.

Joe How is moving his restaurant to the south side of Hough St., next to the Taber Furniture Co. Mr. Williams has the contract and is getting along with the work nicely. Even while moving business was not stopped, meals being served at all hours as usual.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a lawn tennis club will be held in the offices of Drs. Lang and Leech, over the Alberta-Drug and Stationery Co.'s store, on Tuesday afternoon, May 26th, at 5 o'clock. All interested in lawn tennis are invited to attend.

Let the organization meeting in the L.D.S. Church Saturday afternoon for the purpose of organizing the Taber Agricultural Society be the largest in the history of the town. Everybody is interested in the agricultural society movement and enthusiastic, interested officers should be elected. The meeting is called for one o'clock.

Ervine & Todd, the enterprising machinery men, have just received the Cocksfoot engine gang plow and a Hart-Parr Co. gasoline plowing engine, which they recently sold to Mr. John Elder of Minok. This plowing outfit is one of the best in the district. Yesterday afternoon they had the engine out on a trial and everything went off to perfection. Mr. Elder will use the outfit on his own farm and will also do custom plowing. He is to be congratulated on his enterprise.

N. J. Christensen's team ran away Saturday evening from section 2, township 15, range 18. The team-headed west and have not been found since. The horse is a dark-brown weight about 950, branded 160 on right hip. The other is also a dark-brown weight about 950 and branded on right hip with a square and a half-circle on side. A black yearling colt with white strip on face, no brand, went with them. They all had halters on. Finder rewarded on returning same to Mr. N. C. Christensen.

D. L. Kimball was over from Magrath Wednesday.

T. R. Edwards was down from Calgary Tuesday.

A. E. Ives of Lethbridge spent Saturday in town.

A. C. Ross of Calgary was in town Tuesday on business.

A. W. Hings was a Lethbridge visitor to town Wednesday.

Mr. Hamilton of Lethbridge was surveying in this vicinity this week.

H. W. Hogarth went up to Coal-dale Monday to build some chimneys for Depeve & Veale.

T. J. Depew was down from Coal-dale Saturday, returning that evening.

Mrs. Geo. C. Millar, who has been visiting at Medicine Hat, has returned home.

The basket ball match between Taber and Calgary will be played on Friday evening at 7 o'clock on the athletic grounds.

J. G. McDonald has accepted the position of travelling salesman for the North Star Lumber Co. of Elko, British Columbia.

Down at Seven Persons a dance broke up in a free fight, and as a result some of the participants will appear before the magistrate.

Mr. Tainter killed a rattlesnake on the C.Y. Ranch the other day. It had several rattles, which are now on exhibition at Bucknam & Henderson's office.

Boys will still be boys," and our Boys' Suits will still be suits when a lower grade will be down and out. All sizes and prices in stock.—Campbell & Anderson.

Judgment in the case of Tinsley vs. The Canada West Coal Co. was given at Lethbridge to-day. A verdict of \$3,152.80 damages was rendered in favor of the plaintiff.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. and A.M., meets at Edmonton next week. J. T. Stephenson, Worshipful Master of Doric Lodge, will represent the lodge at the meeting.

Mrs. McInnis received word of the illness of her daughter at Victoria, B.C., and left for there last evening. It is to be hoped her daughter will soon be restored to health again.

Mrs. W. E. Duncan arrived Tuesday evening from Ottawa and will spend the summer with her husband here. Mr. Duncan is engaged opening a coal mine just south of the town.

W. A. Aubin of the Reliance Coal Mining Co., Limited, returned Tuesday from spending the winter at Montreal and other eastern points. Mrs. Aubin is in Calgary and will remain there for some time visiting friends.

At the Supreme Court sittings at Lethbridge Tuesday morning Joe Tourville was arraigned on a charge of having carnal knowledge of a girl under fourteen years of age and pleaded not guilty. He elected to be tried by jury.

The annual peace meeting of the L.D.S. Church was held on Monday evening in the meeting-house and was very largely attended. Interesting and instructive addresses were given by Mr. Geo. F. Richards, one of the quorum of Twelve Apostles, and Hon. B. H. Roberts of the First Seven Presidents of Seventy, both of Salt Lake, Utah, and other local speakers. Vocal and instrumental selections were given between the addresses, and a most pleasant and profitable evening was spent by all.

Big Demand for Brehany Seats

The big advance demand for seats for the Louise Brehany's concert at Taber on May 29th, is not to be wondered at when it is known that it is seldom such an organization of notable American and European artists are to appear in our programme. The programme will be a most interesting and diversified one, including several operatic gems and instrumental solos.

"Ireland"

On Friday evening Rev. J. W. Morrow of Medicine Hat gave a very interesting address on "Ireland" in the Knox Church here. Mr. Morrow is a fluent speaker and bubbles over with Irish wit. He gave an instructive account of the settlement, early history and development of the country up to the present time, and how it has attained such a high standing in literature and commerce. He also drew a vivid picture of the progress of the people of the north compared with the south. His lecture throughout was full of genuine Irish wit which kept the audience in good humor, though at times some felt a little hurt at his remarks. He was loudly applauded as he took his seat and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered him on motion of Mr. A. Primrose, seconded by Mr. G. A. Campbell. Rev. J. B. Munro acted as chairman in his usual happy manner. The attendance was rather small, caused by several important gatherings the same night. We feel sure, should Mr. Morrow again come to Taber, he will be greeted by a rousing house.

Board of Trade

The Board of Trade met on Friday night to consider the question of freight rates. This is the important question that is occupying the Board just now, and that everybody is interested in evidenced from the large attendance of members present. A vigorous discussion on the heavy rates charged on coal east to Winnipeg, compared with the rates from Port William west to Winnipeg, took place, and it was decided that the matter be taken up by a committee of all the mine operators and the executive of the Board.

This committee met on Monday evening for a short time, but owing to previous engagements some of the members had to attend other calls: hence the meeting was of comparatively short duration. Mr. John Marsh was appointed Chairman of this committee and Mr. C. E. Moe the Assistant-Secretary to Secretary of the Board of Trade. Data is now being gathered, and a vigorous campaign will be entered into with the Railway Commission in order to secure an equal coal rate from Alberta mines east with the rates on coal from Port William west. Not a stone will be left unturned until the mines of Alberta are so treated in the way of freight rates that they can compete in the open market of the East on an equality with other points.

Passing Comments

[BY GUY QUIBLER.]

If green isn't the farmers' favorite color from now on it ought to be.

Fine healthy wind we get from the west, isn't it? But, my! where does it manage to pick up that awful smell from sometimes?

So we are going to celebrate the 24th on the 25th. At least, we ought to. Nothin' doin', though, in Taber. Who said "Dead"?

So the Board of Trade and the mine operators have combined forces and are going after the Railway Company in regard to getting a reduction in the freight tariff. Wonder if they will know enough to pick out their strongest men to represent them before the seats of the mighty?

Agricultural Society meeting on Saturday. Well, they want to get things into shape mighty soon, for every farmer is going to have prize stuff this year. Funds? Everybody join, and we'll just double the dollars!

Pity the C.P.R. tank leaks so much. Must cost the company something to keep up that supply of water on the Main St. Perhaps it's the blamed old pump that won't stop even if the tank is full!



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News in Brief

The World's News Boiled Down for Busy Readers.

Eighty new town sites along the G.T.P. are now on the market.

The aggregate value of Canadian cheese and butter exports for 1907 was \$20,186,398.

Innisfail (Alberta) Creamery is starting the season with an output of 1,500 pounds of butter per week.

The Standard Oil Company has begun to fight for appeal against payment of the twenty-nine million dollar fine imposed last summer.

The C.N.R. railroad bridge over the North Duck River at Cowan, twenty miles east of Minnetonka, Man., was destroyed by fire Saturday morning.

Many of the emigrants assisted to come to Canada in 1906 by Lady Stathcona's gift of £10,000 to the Queen's unemployed fund have repaid part of the sums they had received, the committee reports.

A pork butcher of Tamworth, Eng., has lost a finger in a remarkable manner. He had killed a number of pigs, and was about to lift an apparently dead animal by the mouth and tail when it bit one of his fingers right off.

By the Way

Duty done and happiness are inseparable.

The crown of wisdom is better than a monarch's diadem.—GODWIN

To ease another's heartache Is to forget one's own. —A. LINCOLN.

"I was in front looking at the donkey, just as I am at you now," said a man to the Feltham magistrate.

If it pays the Canada West Coal Company to install a water system in all their houses and fire protection, surely it would pay the town of Taber. What is good for a company in this particular would be of much more good to the town.

Apples do not yield currants. Neither do indolence and pessimism bear fortune and public praise. What we see in life is the reflection of what we have in our own lives. Young man, keep looking for the best and strive as conscientiously as you look.

One step won't take you very far; You've got to keep on walking. One word won't tell folks who you are; You've got to keep on talking. One inch won't make you very tall; You've got to keep on growing. One little "ad." won't do at all; You've got to keep on going.

A Rock in the Baltic.

By ROBERT BARR.

Author of "The Triumph of Eugene Valmont," "Talks," "The Media of Alarms," "Speculations of a Nobleman," "The Victim," Etc.

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CHAPTER V.

IN midwinter of the day following the entertainment on board the Constellation our two girls were seated opposite one another under the rafters of the sewing room in the little, desultory manner of those who have not good home till morning, till daylight did appear. The dominant note of a summer cottage is the rocking chair, and there were two in the sewing room where Katherine and Dorothy awayed gently back and forth as they talked. They sat close to the low, broad window which presented to the eye a picture of the blue bay and the white shipping. The huge Constellation lay moored with her broadside toward the town, all sign of festivity already removed from hull and rigging, and to the scarcely slumbered eyes of the girls something of the sadness of departure seemed to hang as a haze around the great ship. The girls were not discussing the past, but rather anticipating the future, forecasting it, with long, silent pauses intervening.

"So you will not stay with us? You are determined to turn your wealthy neck on the pike of the Kempt family?" Katherine was saying.

"But I shall return to the Kempt family now and then, if they will let me. I must get away for a time and think. My life has suddenly become all topsy turvy, and I need to get my bearings, as does every ship thrown through a storm and lost her reckoning."

"She diano where she are, as the song says."

"Exactly. That is the state of things."

"I think it's too bad, Dorothy, that you did not allow the public announcement of your good fortune. Just imagine what an ovation you would have had on board the cruiser last night if it had been known that the richest woman in the city was a pretty, shy little creature sitting all by herself, and never indulging in even a dance."

"I shouldn't in the least care for that sort of ovation, Kate, and if every one present were as well pleased with the festivities as I, they must all have enjoyed themselves in the assembly, my friend Kate as did my share of the dancing as well as her own."

"She danced, and she danced, and she danced them all. I think those are the words of the Scotch song, that the prince quoted. He seems up in Scotch poetry and does not even seem to be called a Scotchman. This energetic person of the song seems to have danced them all to a standstill, as I understood, him, for he informed me 'a' means 'all' and 'the' means 'done', but I told him I'd rather learn Russian than Scotch; it was so much easier, and his highness was good enough to laugh at that. Didn't the lieutenant ask you to dance at all?"

"Oh, yes, he did."

"And you refused?"

"I refused."

"I didn't think he had sense enough to ask a girl to dance."

"You are ungrateful, Katherine. Remember he introduced you to the prince."

"Yes, that's so. I had forgotten. I shall never say anything against him again."

"Oh, all the crowned heads, emperors, kings, sultans, monarchs of every description, dukes, counts, earls, marquises, whom I have met and who have pestered my life, are glad to share their royal perquisites I think I may say quite truthfully that I like this Jack Lamont better than any one of them."

"Sincerely Prince Jack has not offered you his principality already?"

"No, not yet, but with an eye to the future I have persuaded him to give up Toledo and read Mark Twain, who is not only equally humorous but much more sensible than the Russian writer Jack must not be allowed to give away his estates to the peasants as his silly sister has done. I may need them later on."

"Oh, you got that far, have you?"

"I have got far. He hasn't. He doesn't know anything about it, but I'll wake him up when the right time comes. There are many elements of sanity about him. He told me that he intended to give up his estates, but in the first place he had been too busy and in the second he needed the money. His good sense, however, requires nothing, so that he may get rid of the dream. I don't like him; I blame Tolstoi. For instance, when I asked him if he had patented his liquid city invention he said he did not wish to make a profit from his discovery, but intended it for the good of humanity at large. Imagine such an idiotic idea as that!"

"I think such views are entirely to his credit," affirmed Dorothy.

"Oh, of course, but the plan is not practicable. If he should make an invention to slip through his fingers, the Standard Oil people will likely get hold of it, form a monopoly, and then there would be no more for me. I tell him the right way is to patent it, make all the money he can and use

the cash for benevolent purposes under the direction of some charitable person like myself."

"Did you suggest that to him?"

"I did not intimate who the sensible person was, but I elucidated the principle of the thing."

"Yes, and what did he say?"

"Many things, Dorothy, many things. At one time he became confidential about his possessions in foreign lands, it seems he owns several castles, and would like to sell them, but he cannot prevent the moult, if that is the proper term for the pesantery over the ground as he passes by, leaving their forebears against the earth and chanting in choice Russian the phrase: 'Ther, der, der, der.'"

"High executioner, or words to that effect. I told him I didn't see why he should interfere with so picturesque a custom, and he said if I visited one of his castles that these estimable people at a word from him would form a corridor in the mud with their bare feet, and he said I should be sorry to see the carriage to the castle doors, and I stipulated that he should at least spread a rug for my shoes."

"Katherine went skipping downstairs. Dorothy picked up a magazine that lay on the table and for a few moments turned its leaves from one story to another, trying to interest herself, but failing. Then she lifted the newspaper that lay at her feet, but it also

lay away, which he hoped to overcome."

"Oh, I see. And did you extend that sympathy which?"

"There was a knock at the door, and the maid came in, bearing a card."

"Good gracious me!" cried Katherine, jumping to her feet. "The prince has come. What a stupid thing that we have no mirror in this room, and it's a sewing and sitting room too. Do I look all right, Dorothy?"

"To me you seem perfection."

"Ah, well, I can give no more than the next door. Won't you come down and see him trampled on?"

"No, thank you. I shall most likely drop off to sleep and enjoy forty winks in this very comfortable chair. Don't be too harsh with the young man, Kate. You are quite wrong in your surmises about him. The lieutenant never made any such arrangement as you suggest, because he talked of nothing but the most commonplace subjects all the time. I was with him, as I was just about to tell you, only you seem in such a hurry to get away."

"Oh, but I don't decide me in the least. I'll be back shortly, with the young man's scalp dangling at my belt. Now we shan't be long," and with that Katherine went skipping downstairs.

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USE OF GOOD SOAP.

Its Effects on the Complexion is Nothing but a Blessing.

It is useless to observe rules, for having a good complexion and to go in for dieting to clear the skin if one is not particular as to the kind of soap used.

Selection of the cleanser is, however, in selecting this cleanser is amazing, for a woman will, as a rule, take whatever is offered in a shop and will continue to use it for weeks or months without noticing what its effect may be upon the flesh.

As a matter of fact, in one way or another its effect on the skin is quite as positive as that of certain foods upon the digestion. The skin is by no means benefited simply because soap has been applied, nor is it necessarily cleaned. The skin so called cleansing agent may be toxic drying, and in the case, though it removes dirt, the skin is left in such a condition as to absorb impurities more readily, and blackheads and pimples are apt to result, or, instead.

There may be too much oil in the soap, and though the skin is cleaned, it becomes greasy and the pores enlarged owing to an excess of fat.

Having found a good soap, use it freely on the face, but always take care that it is well rinsed afterward. There is too much dirt in city streets to think that it can be removed with clear water or even with cloth or brush, while, as to the dust of the country, it is just the thing to make wrinkles by drying the skin if allowed to stay on and work into the pores.

A BREAKFAST DISH.

Famous Recipe in Which Eggs Figure Very Conspicuously.

If the family is inclined to grow weary of serving those eggs for breakfast or luncheon, says a housekeeper noted for her good cooking, boil six eggs hard. Remove the yolks and chop them up in a mortar. Put the yolks through a vegetable press.

Make a pint of cream sauce, using either all cream or half milk, and thicken with a tablespoonful of butter and one of sifted flour.

Molten one cupful of rolled bread or cracker crumbs in one-quarter cupful of melted butter.

Chop fine one cupful of cold boiled ham.

In a pudding dish put a layer of the buttered crumbs, then a layer of chopped whites, cream sauce and ham and on top of the ham the yolks, sprinkled with a little chopped parsley. Repeat the layers until the dish is full, and bake in a hot oven.

Season the ham with lemon and a little onion juice and the eggs with salt and the breadcrumbs with salt and pepper. Bake until the crumbs are brown.

Will serve from six to eight persons.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

In order to prevent the pile of velvet from being crushed while stitching it place a piece of the same material face downward on it. The fingers will then be free to work.

When sewing a piece of material on the bias to a straight piece avoid stretching the former by placing it underneath.

Before hanging the curtains turn them inside out and shake them well. This will remove the dust and give them a fresh appearance.

Remove the globe, shake salt freely on the mantle and light. When all the salt has been used, turn out the light, replace the globe, and the gas will have its customary brilliancy.

The rollers of a clothes wringer may be easily and effectively cleaned by rubbing them with a cloth which has been dipped in coal oil.

In order to be sure that the coconut for use in the cake is perfectly fresh it is well to buy the whole fruit and shred it in the meat chopper.

It is said that if an onion is cut into small pieces and placed in a bottle, it will absorb many disagreeable odors, including fresh paint and turpentine.

A few economical housewives have found grinding their tea leaves in a mortar and pestle a very satisfactory method.

They declare the result is excellent, only about half the usual quantity being used. Of course the tea strainer must be as fine as can be bought.

Ham oranges and lemons in wire baskets and they will keep fresh much longer.

Before hanging a bodice bend the steel or whalebone at the waist line. The waist will fit better in consequence.

Centerpiece Roll.

A centerpiece for the dining room much appreciated by those who are fond of a centerpiece, is a roll of material, variety and condition of their centerpieces and doilies is a receptacle made to keep them from being crushed.

A long roll of cardboard, as long as the width of your largest centerpiece, will first be wrapped in cotton wadding and then covered with flowered silk or cretonne is really better, and the ends are gathered and tied with ribbon.

Take next a square of the material the size of the length of the roll. Line this with a contrasting shade-blue in which it assists in keeping the contents from yellowing—and bind with the ribbon.

To use place the centerpiece on this square, putting the material over the top, and wrap carefully around the padded tube and tie with a ribbon, tucked to the cover.

The tube may be filled with lavender or rose leaves before covering, and the quaint old fashioned cover will add a further charm to the dainty dish thus stored away.

A BIT TOO SHREWD.

One Ventures in Which the Captain Overreached Himself.

One of Uncle Sam's customs officials, noted for his success in unmasking smugglers, and the other day in a dispatch a customs officer's duties:

"One must be shrewd, but not too shrewd; otherwise one overreaches oneself," said Captain Harrow of Islesboro.

"Captain Harrow of Islesboro was trading at Key West in a small vessel, Business took him up the coast to Tampa bay, and he bought twenty dozen chickens from a farmer at \$4 a dozen."

"The chickens were all sizes—some a few days old and no bigger than canary birds; some fat and large, like turkey gobblers. The captain expected to make a lot of money out of them."

"Well, at Key West a hotel man came aboard and looked the chickens over."

"They are fine birds," he said. "How much?"

"If you pick them out yourself," said Captain Harrow shrewdly, "I'll have to charge you \$6 a dozen. If I pick them out, I can let you have them for \$4."

"All right. You pick them out," said the hotel man.

"Captain Harrow picked out a dozen chickens of the canary bird size."

"Here you are, twelve prime broilers," he said, with a leer.

"Go ahead," said the hotel man calmly; "another dozen."

"The next dozen was of necessity larger."

"All right," said the hotel man. "Keep on picking them out."

"And the third dozen was larger still. The captain looked at his paper anxiously."

"Keep right on."

"The next dozen was fine and plump, and the next comprised the biggest and fattest of the chickens."

"Keep right on picking them out, captain."

Then at last Captain Harrow saw how he had overreached himself. The hotel man bought his whole lot of chickens at \$3, and thus the captain lost on the speculation \$20 in cash, to say nothing of feed and labor."

THE WORLD DRYING UP.

Possibility That the Human Race Will Die of Thirst.

We are to die of thirst. Comparatively few persons know the suffering involved in a mortal thirst which there is no help at hand. The consuming thirst more than the pain of any wound makes the battlefield a hell. Yet death by thirst is the doom forecast for the race by grim scientists. Geologists find that the fresh water supply of the globe is falling rapidly. They lay down the point to the gradual withdrawal of the streams and other bodies of water from the surface. Both in Africa and Asia, the water is disappearing, in all the great levels the water beds are drying up. A great number of lakes well known in the historical age have evaporated. For example, Lake Chirona, in Africa, has vanished within recent years, as has also Lake Ngami, discovered by Livingston.

Lake Tchaud is more than half dried up. For centuries bodies of water in central Asia have been evaporating and the deserts extending. Where 2000 years ago great cities stood in east Turkistan there are found only vast and depressing stretches of sand.

The river Tigris, once a principal Asiatic route, is almost gone, and Lob Nor, formerly four times the area of Lake Geneva, is now but a shallow marsh, the deserts extending. Where the most pushing city in the czar's distracted realm, was surrounded by water, the city is now a desert.

While we may be sure that the fate which the geologists suggest for humanity is very far away, the facts related to show the drying up process are convincing proofs of the need of preserving our forests with more care. —St. Paul Pioneer Press.

A Test Case.

"I'm a beauty doctor," announced the stranger with the hand satchel full of cosmetics and massage machines.

"Do you think I could get you practice around here?"

"Any one who says things pretty, don't you?" drawled the old farmer in the speckled shirt.

"That's my business, sir."

"Wasn't you'll go down back of my barn you'll find an old slave covered with one eye and one horn and wrinkles like a cane all over her face?"

"She's the ugliest cow in seven states, and if you can make her pretty I'll agree that you be a 'beauty doctor' and give you a dollar."

Apparent.

"Pardon me," began the new acquaintance, "but are you the Mr. Cadley Nurtich who wrote that magazine article last month for us?"

"Yes," interrupted Nurtich, "but of course you must understand that I don't make a business of that sort of thing."

"Of course. I know that. I read the article."

Scientific Loafing.

"Chess, checkers and whist are marvelous inventions," says the philosopher of mind, "but a game that wastes time and still have the feeling that he is accomplishing something intellectual."

Making Faces.

"Sawce—I saw a man in a window making faces today. Sympathetic—What was he doing?"

"He was making faces for a number of people. He is a jeweler—London Fun."

Young Folks

THE MAN IN THE MOON.

How He Got Up So High and What He Is Doing.

It's a queer little story, boys and girls. Not a story, that's that, true. So listen while I tell you, and I'll tell the tale to you.

There lived, oh, many years ago, a cute little man, all brown. Whose hair was white, whose eyes were blue.

He lived in a nearby town. He lived all alone, and never a soul could ever tell him, and he was the oddest kind of a fellow.

The little brown man, with saw in hand, would go to a big wood pile, and he'd tell the little brown man to saw that wood and smile.

And the wood pile grew and grew and grew.

It got so large one day that it filled the street, blocked it off for miles.

So that nothing could pass that way. Then it covered the ground for miles around.

And when it touched the sky, the clouds were stopped, no rain was dropped.

For nothing could pass by.

High up to the moon the little man went.

"Was just at the top of the pile—When, feeling quite dry, he sawed away at the top of the pile."

And there on the moon he still remains, saving a great wood pile. Most any night when the sky is bright you can see him saw and smile.

—Woman's Life.

MUSICAL MYSTERY GAME.

A Missing Word Story That Will Interest Young Folks.

An interesting little musical game may be played in the following manner: Have as many slips of paper as there are words in the story, and write on each slip a word from the story, omitting the words with a musical significance and substituting dashes in their stead. The guests are requested to read the story and to supply the missing words, having had it explained to them that the wanted words must be musical terms. The words to be omitted appear in parentheses:

Story.—John Smith was the (minor) son of (Major) Smith, who belonged to the (staff) of a newspaper of (note).

(The rest) of the Smith family were pleasant people, loving a good (time). They were (luring) in manner, and the (theme) of their conversation was always agreeable. John's father, the (major), would often (pitch) into a hot discussion on politics, for his reason (was) (obvious). John's younger sister could sing a (solo) admirably, her voice being full of (melody) and never (flat).

John required a good piano for his use, one that was in (splendid) tune. To the boy or girl who fills the spaces with the correct words or comes nearest to them, a (stamp) prize may be given.

A sheet of music would be quite appropriate. Ten minutes should be allowed the players in which to supply the story with the missing words.

Who's It For Spoons?

In this game one person takes his stand in the center of the circle, blindfolded and his hands extended before him, in each of which he holds a large spoon. The other players march around him, clapping their hands in time to a tune, which may be sung or played upon the piano in any slow measure suitable for marching. When the blind player says a "Spoon," the others stop. He then finds his way to any player that he can and must ascertain who he is by touching him with the spoon. When he has found the right one, he

A NEST HARD TO FIND.

Remarkable and Artistic Home of the Humming Bird.

The home of the humming bird is one of the most remarkable and artistic creations of all bird architecture. It is a tiny, delicate cup, made of the softest plant down, situated upon some rather slender branch so deftly that it seems a part thereof. The salient of the birds is used to compact and secure the material and it takes to cost the exterior with the gray green, lichenous generally found upon trees. This makes it so assimilate with the surroundings that it is a very difficult object to discover. And thereby hangs a tale. A gentleman had told me that if I would call upon him he would show me an excellent nest of a humming bird in his orchard. When I came, he was out of town, but I thought I would see if I could not find the nest myself. So I made inspection from tree to tree, and presently the female hummer began to fly about me anxiously. We played a game of hot and cold until it became evident that the nest must be in a certain open place which had many dead, lichen covered branches. Some of these came down nearly to the ground, and the female while I stood by the nest, running my eyes along each branch in order, trying to make out the nest, while the female kept darting round me as if my head. It must have been nearly a quarter of an hour before I discovered that I was standing almost touching the nest with my hands, having been looking right over it all the time. It contained two fresh eggs, this being the early part of June. The branch upon which it was built was completely overgrown with lichen, and the nest, being covered with them, too, was wonderfully disguised, though there was no leaves to hide it. From "Experiences With Humming Birds," by H. K. Job, in Outing Magazine.

THE SMALLEST SCREENS.

To the Naked Eye They Look Like Specks of Dust.

The smallest screens in the world are those made in watch factories. They are cut from steel wire by a machine, but as the chips fall from the knife it looks as if the operator was simply cutting up the wire for his own diversion. One thing is certain—no screens can be seen, and yet a screen is made by every third operation.

The fourth level wheel screen is next to invisible, to the naked eye resembling a speck of dust. With a glass, however, it can be seen quite distinctly. It has 250 threads to an inch. These little screens are four one-thousandth of an inch in diameter, and the holes are double in size. It has been estimated that an ordinary thumb would hold 100,000 of them.

About 1,000,000 of them are manufactured in the course of a month, but no attempt is ever made to count them. In determining the number 10 of them are placed on a very delicate balance and the number of the whole quantity estimated from the weight of these. All the small parts of the watch are counted in this way, probably 50 out of the 120.

When they have been cut the screens are hardened and put into frames, about 100 to the frame, and so on. This is done very rapidly, but entirely by the sense of touch instead of by sight, so that a blind man with a little experience could perform the task.

The next step in the process is to polish the heads in an automatic machine, 10,000 at a time. The plate on which this is done is covered with oil and a grinding compound, and on this the machine moves them very rapidly by a reversing motion until they are in perfect condition.

The Drama of London's Fog.

There is a whole world of drama bound up in the chronicles of London's fog. This misty and mysterious visitant, far older than Gog or Magog, which used to visit the watches of the night when the metropolis barely lifted itself out of the surrounding marshes, has a fund of comedy as well as tragedy. Countless murders have been committed under its sheltering cloak, men and women have been waylaid, children have been torn from their mothers and wives from their husbands, but on the other hand there are a few incidents of the best harrowing character.—Strand Magazine.

Curved Spokes.

There is no doubt that an iron wheel with curved spokes is much more attractive to the eye than the ordinary variety, but it is not on account of its appearance that it is constructed in this manner. Wheels that are cast invariably catch a little in the process of cooling, and those made with straight spokes are always liable to crack. The curved variety, by allowing a certain give and take in the metal, avoid this danger.

But It Went.

"Prisoner at the bar," said the magistrate, "for the crime of overspeaking you will pay a fine of \$10 or go to jail for ten days."

"That's not a correct sentence," murmured the prisoner.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Way to Draw an Elephant.

Little Gladys—Granny, go down on your hands and knees a minute, please. Fond Grandmother—What am I to do that for, my pet? Gladys—Cause I want to draw an elephant.

Love of money is the disease which renders us most pitiful and groveling—Longinus.

"True bloodless conquest is a good life and a happy death.—Solon.

BURIED IN CEMENT.

The Story of an Arab Boy Who Renounced Mohammedanism.

According to Mohammedanism, there was born about the year 1020 an Arab boy named Gerolamo. He was captured in infancy by the Spanish garrison at Algiers, and when about eight years old he escaped from his captors and went back to his family, living as a Mohammedan until the age of twenty-five. He then voluntarily returned to Algiers and resumed the Christian life which he had adopted previously when in the hands of the Spanish authorities. A few years later he went to the coasting mid with a party of Spaniards, but the raiders were themselves captured by a Moorish corsair and brought to Algiers. Here the attempt was made to convert him to Mohammedanism, but he persistently refused to embrace that faith, so that he was tried and condemned to die. His hands were tied behind his back, and he was cast alive, face downward, into a block of concrete then being prepared for the Fort des Vingt Quatre, Houters, then building. Careful note was taken of the spot by Hagia, a Spanish Benedictine missionary to Algiers, who prayed the time might come when the Lord would pave the way for his exhumation and Christian burial. In 1853 the French found it necessary to demolish the fort, and the date left by Hagia were found to be correct, for the designated block of concrete on being cut open disclosed the bones of Gerolamo, and the cavity left by his body. The bones were removed Dec. 27, 1853, and given Christian burial, and they now rest in a massive stone sarcophagus in the cathedral. A plaster cast was made of the cavity and afterward photographed.—Cement Age.

AN UNCONQUERED PEAK.

Lizard Head on Mount Wilson Has Defied the Climbers.

The mountains and peaks of the San Juan in northwestern Colorado present a different appearance from any of the northern Rockies.

"They are grander, more precipitous, with sharper pinnacles and more jagged in outline. In height Mount Massive, Elbert and Blanca slightly outrank those of the San Juan, but nowhere else can be found whole groups of mountains rearing their heads to and above 14,000 feet.

Mount Wilson—14,250 feet—the dominant peak, is one of the most massive in the entire Rocky mountain range. Just east of this mountain is the remarkable tract of level called Table Top, and here the vivid imagination of an early pioneer who had been "seeing things" is said to be responsible for the name.

The summit is 11,100 feet above the sea. From a ponderous base the pinnacle rises 250 feet, with a diameter at the foot of the eastward slope of gradually tapering to less than half that at the top.

Lizard head has defied all attempts to climb the pinnacle to reach its summit. The foot of the pinnacle is easily accomplished, but thus far the steep sides of the 250 foot shaft have proved insurmountable. No doubt the time will come when the venturesome mountain climber will find a way, but may a failure be the record of the past.

Trains circle this mountain for miles on the way from Telluride to Rico.

Two Horse Tales.

An Albanian who had been in an eastern state while freshets were in full swing told the following about a horse which had been attached to a footbridge crossing a brook to keep with structure from going adrift. The flood finally swept horse and bridge down stream. Later the bridge was discovered lodged against the bank, with the horse sitting quietly on the former.

A bystander who had listened intently to this tale remarked quietly: "I saw nothing similar to that."

"Indeed? What was it?" asked the story teller.

"Ye see," was the reply, "after the horse I saw was taken down stream nobody ever 'spected to see him alive again. But he was a powerful sort of brute, an 'bout a hour afterward we see him a-come up stream a-pullin' the blame old bridge arter him!"

Mortar Tossers.

There is no bud carrying in Japan. The native builders have a method of transporting mortar which makes it seem more like play than work—to the onlooker. The mortar is mixed in a pile in the street. One man makes this up into balls of about six pounds weight, which he tosses to a man who stands on a ladder midway between the roof and the ground. This man deftly catches the ball and casts it up to a man who stands on the roof.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Women and the Theater.

The first aim of the modern playwright is to please the women in the audience. The second thought is for the female characters in the play. It is a play finds favor with the women it is bound to be a success. The men will go if only because she is there or to act as her escort.—Theater Magazine.

Had to Keep Ideals.

"Why don't you get married?" "Oh, I would be absolutely fatal to my literary work."

"What do you write?" "Love stories."

When a quarrel is the breakfast food look out for marital indignation.—Manchester Union.

A CLOCK IN A BOTTLE.

The Way This Marvel of Mechanism Was Constructed.

A German clockmaker living in the little village of Gommern, near Magdeburg, built a clock in a bottle. The matter, El. Rosin, secured a strong movement with a cylinder escapement measuring forty-five millimeters and began by sawing the plate into halves. The opening in the neck of the bottle measures fifteen millimeters, and in order to get these halves into the bottle he cut another segment of each of the halves of the plate. He built a box of tripod as a resting place for the movement. This tripod was assembled after he had introduced its parts into the bottle separately. The tripod is so constructed that it cannot turn when the movement is being wound. The four pieces of the plate were fastened side by side by means of screws to the platform attached to the tripod, a long screwdriver and other tools especially constructed for the purpose having been used for this operation. When the plate was put together, the clockmaker proceeded to put all the parts of the movement in their original places with the motion wheels for the hands. A ring of white metal was placed around the neck of the bottle, and upon this ring was soldered a round plate, thus closing the opening. On this cover were fastened in an inclined position the screws which serve as a support for the dial.

The dial is made of a ground glass plate, which has a diameter of twenty centimeters. The thick glass over the dial are cut skeleton fashion and cemented to the glass. At night one can tell the time by placing a light behind the dial.—Technical World.

THE HUMAN TONGUE.

Eloquent Even When It Does Not Articulate a Word.

It is never necessary for the tongue to talk in order to tell that you are ill or the nature of your illness. The tongue of the dumb is quite as eloquent when viewed by an experienced physician as the tongue of the most talkative person.

It is a wonderful organ and should be studied by all parents, not only on their own account, but on account of their offspring. It is in manifestation of food, in indicating disease, in articulation, and contains in its various articulations the peripheral organs of taste. There are doctors who will spend half their hour feeling of your pulse and listening to your heart beat. There are others who command "stick out your tongue." One glance at your tongue will tell them tell tale.

Tremulousness of the tongue when it is protruded is a positive sign of various nervous diseases. But by far the commonest cause of this tremulousness is an excessive indulgence in alcohol. There is an old rule about looking into a man's eye to tell if he is a habitual drinker. It often fails, but in some men excites the lacrimal glands, causes the eye to appear watery. But all of us know men who have watery eyes, yet never touch liquor. But the best and final test is the tongue. It is the tongue sign that cannot be concealed. If a man seeking employment swears on a stack of Bibles that he does not drink, make him stick out his tongue. If it trembles he is a liar.

Combs Made of Old Shoes.

A mountain of old boots and shoes, indescribably ugly, indescribably filthy, lay in the factory yard.

"We'll make combs out of them," said the chemist, "combs that will pass through the perfume and hosiery locks of the most beautiful girls. Seem strange, doesn't it?"

"Very."

"Yet it's a fact. That is what comes of all the world's old shoes. They are turned into combs. The leather is first cut into small pieces and immersed two days in a chloride of sulphur bath; then it is washed, dried and ground to powder; then it is mixed with glue or resin and pressed into comb molds."

"It makes good enough combs, but I prefer the rubber ones myself." Ex change.

The Overcoat.

Probably the most important sartorial factor there exhibited so much in difference to hygienic considerations as in the overcoat. The greatest fallacy of all perhaps in regard to the choice of an overcoat is that the terms "weight" and "warmth" are synonymous. As a matter of fact, they are nearly always diametrically opposed. Moreover, the heavy overcoat is a tax on the resources of the organism and destroys the economy which a good insulating cloth is intended to secure.—London Lancet.

What a Woman Says.

Sluggish—I want to ask you a question, old man. Wedderty—Come on with it. Sluggish—Does a woman all ways mean what she says. Wedderty—During courtship she does, but after marriage you bet she does.

Sounds Possible, but Not Likely.

"I've thought of a novel effect for my new melodrama."

"The villain lights a cigar during the snowstorm, thus setting the snowstorm afire."

Heavy Work.

Mr. Youghub—Did you bake this bread, darling? Mrs. Youghub—Yes, dear. Mr. Youghub—Well, please don't do anything like that again. You are not strong enough for such heavy work.

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Miners at Michel Are on Strike

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Conflicting Reports Come From the Pass

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Fornie, B.C., May 18th.—The mines at Michel were idle to-day, the men refusing to report for work until a case of discrimination which they say they have against the company officials is settled. President Frank Sherman of the U.M.W. of A. visited the camp last night and strongly urged the men to return to work, and it is hoped that an early end of the trouble is in sight.

Michel, B.C., May 19th.—The strike here was caused by the superintendent in the mine discharging his nephew over a family quarrel. This the men resented, and the resentment extends to District President Sherman, who deprecated the strike. The union is so much wrought up that the men threaten to abandon the union. It is thought General Manager Hurd will settle the difficulty without trouble on his return.

EXPENSIVE BOOKS.

Prices That Prevailed Before the Invention of Printing.

In the present day it seems very strange to read about the price of books before the invention of printing. King Alfred gave a very large estate for a book on cosmography. In the year 1174 Walter, prior of St. Seuthin's at Winchester, purchased of the monks of Rochester, in Oxfordshire, "the books of Boetius" and "St. Ambrose's Pastor" for twelve measures of barley and a pair of oxen which were embroiled in silver the history of St. Ethelbert concerning a Saxon king.

About the year 1400 a copy of John de Meun's "Roman de la Rose" was sold before the notary gate at Paris for 40 croons.

The Countess of Arlon paid for a copy of the "Chronicles of Hainault," bishop of Hainault, 200 sheep, five quarters of wheat and the same quantity of rye and millet.

In 1471, when Louis XI. of France borrowed the works of Hippocrates, the Arabian physician, from the faculty of medicine at Paris he not only deposited by way of pledge a considerable quantity of plate, but he was obliged to procure a notary to join with him as surety in a deed binding himself under a great forfeiture to restore the books.

No Time to Lose.

"Sir," said the young man, entering the office, "I sent you a communication yesterday."

"Well?" asked the grim faced man.

"Well, Mr. Prater, I thought perhaps you might give me a reply to my request, and."

"Wait a minute," said Mr. Prater. "Are you the man that sent this account for 1.10 for hats for my daughter?"

"No, sir, I'm."

"Then you are the one that left this bill for £25 for her dresses?"

"No, sir, my compp."

"Then it must be this for £7 for shoes?"

"No, sir. My note was one asking if I might have your daughter's hand."

"You want to marry her?" gasped Mr. Prater. Then, turning over the pile of bills, he asked: "Take her, young man! I don't know your name, but take her quickly! She's talking about doing some more shopping!"—London Scraps.

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